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DAN RATHER: More charges today of dangerous CIA bungling in a foreign trouble spot, but the agency denied reports of involvement with Lebanese terrorists, what one member of Congress described today as a hit squad.

Pentagon correspondent David Martin reports.

DAVID MARTIN: U.S. embassies in Beirut and other world capitals have been placed on alert, and in the Middle East security has been tightened around Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, as officials in Washington today expressed new fears about terrorist attacks against Americans.

At the same time, the aircraft carrier Nimitz has steamed into the Eastern Mediterranean within striking range of Lebanon, although Pentagon officials say that move had been planned for some time.

The fears were prompted by the revelation that the terrorists behind this Beirut car bomb attack which killed 80 people had been hired by Lebanese intelligence operatives working with the CIA in a secret operation designed to thwart attacks against Americans.

The CIA insists it did not authorize the attack and did not even know it was being planned. But Reagan Administration officials reacted to the bombing by suspending the secret counter-terrorism operation with the Lebanese.

Today, Senator Patrick Leahy, Vice Chairman of the

Senate Intelligence Committee, went to the CIA to learn more about the operation, particularly about why the U.S. was relying on foreigners to protect its own citizens.

SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY: If you're going to try to use surrogates and tell them to do the United States' work for it, then you have no control. And then those surrogates act on their own agenda, which may or may not be the agenda of the United States.

MARTIN: A CIA official accused the Washington Post, which first published the story, of committing an act of gross irresponsibility, jeopardizing the lives of every American in Lebanon, including the hostages.

Five Americans are being held by terrorists in Lebanon. But one former hostage who escaped does not think the story will endanger their lives.

JEREMY LEVIN: I don't think it's the press reports that affect them. I think it's the facts of what Americans do and are doing that affects them.

MARTIN: Beyond the question of immediate danger to Americans lies the dilemma of what the U.S. can or should do to prevent terrorist attacks before they happen. Now that the plan to use the Lebanese has failed, one U.S. official said, we're back to square one.